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TOPIC Military Activities of the 19th Tank Division at the Zeithain Training grounds.

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between 1100 and 1300 and between 2000 and 2200 tank firing in the direction of the firing range north of the Zeithain training grounds.

2. During the night of 13 August, a tank unit, which is stationed in Oschatz, returned with 15 ~~T-54s~~ from Zeithain training grounds via Bobersen and Riesa to Oschatz. In the south-east section of the Zeithain Lager 9 x T-54s, 2 x JS-IIIs, 2 x Pz/85s, and 1 ISU-122 were observed. 2 x T-54s were parked in the firing range east of the camp; 2 x JS-IIIs were observed in front of the sheds in the north-east section of the installation.<sup>2</sup>

3. On 13 August, at approximately 1430, the following column was seen ~~was seen~~ moving from Zeithain training grounds in the direction of Grossenhain: 10 x M-3 armored personnel carriers, each occupied by 8 - 10 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 x BA-64 armored scout cars, 4 trucks each towing a 37-mm AAA gun and carrying 8 - 10 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 6 repair-shop trucks, 2 trucks each towing a field kitchen, 1 sedan with a lieutenant colonel wearing tank insignia.

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1. Comment. These are tanks which held ~~at~~ the Zeithain training grounds between 8 and 13 August 1955. They belong to the 23th Tank Regiment of the 9th Tank Div.

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2. Comment. Presumably these tanks belong to the 95th Tank Regiment of the 9th Tank Div.

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3. Comment. Presumably this column is identical with that which proceeded via Jacobsthal in the direction of Zeithain on 8 August. This unit, which probably belongs to the First Gds Mecz Army, presumably returned from exercises held in the Zeithain-Muehlberg-Riesa area.

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